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In response to the final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 10, 11, 13-18, 20-24, 26-38, and 40-45 are now pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims pending in the application in view of the remarks that follow.

First §103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10, 11, 13-18, 20-24, 26-27, 29-38, 44 and 45 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Austin (US 5,982,690) in view of Chung (US 5,442,209). Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds for rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant does not admit that the Austin patent is prior art to the present invention and reserves the right to swear behind this patent at a later date. Nevertheless, Applicant also submits that the Austin patent in view of Chung is distinguishable from the present invention.

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